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1. CHINA

GELB (NYT) AND MORGAN (WP) REPORT THAT AT 11/4 WH NEWS BRIEFING, NESSEN EXPLAINED DELAY IN ANNOUNCING PRES' PRC VISIT AS "JUST A LOT OF SCHEDULING AND TECHNICAL ISSUES BEING WORKED ON"; SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT FORD EXPECTS GO TO PEKING -- "I'VE HEARD OF NO CHANGE IN PLANS." ACCORDING GELB, ADMIN OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE FORD HAVING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY ARRANGING DATE FOR PRC TRIP. REPORTS THAT SPECULATION ABOUT SOME DETERIORATION IN SINO-US RELATIONS MOUNTED TUESDAY WHEN WH UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVANCE TEAM, BOUND FOR PEKING TO PREPARE PRES' VISIT, BOARDED AIRCRAFT ONLY TO BE TOLD TO DEBARK JUST AS ENGINES WERE WARMING. ASKED ABOUT THIS, NESSEN SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THERE WAS "SOME KIND OF MIX-UP ON

WHEN THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO GO."

ACCORDING GELB, OTHER OFFICIALS SAID "MIX-UP" WAS MORE OF MISCALCULATION ABOUT EXTENT OF PEKING'S EAGERNESS TO SETTLE MATTER. THEY REPORT HAK SENT PEKING MESSAGE FRIDAY, PROPOSING DATE TO BEGIN VISIT AND INFORMING CHINESE THAT PRES DESIRED SHORTEN STAY THERE FROM FIVE-SIX DAYS

TO FOUR, WITH PLANS BEING DEVELOPED FOR INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES VISIT IN EXTRA DAY OR TWO. PEKING REPLY, EXPECTED SUNDAY, DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL LATE TUESDAY, AFTER ADVANCE PARTY MEMBERS HAD RETURNED TO OFFICES ON FOUR-HOUR ALERT. ACCORDING OFFICIALS, REPLY REJECTED DATE US PROPOSED, AND WAS REPORTEDLY VAGUE EVEN ABOUT VISIT ITSELF. ADMIN OFFICIALS MAINTAIN TRIP ITSELF NOT IN JEOPARDY, THAT NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNED DETAILS; BUT THEY ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT IN THEIR JUDGMENT PEKING WOULD NOT HAGGLE OVER THESE MATTERS UNLESS SOMETHING MORE BASIC TROUBLING CHINESE LEADERS.

GELB REPORTS VARIOUS OFFICIALS OFFERING DIFFERENT EXPLANATIONS FOR APPARENT DIFFICULTIES, WHICH DEVELOPED DURING COURSE OF HAK'S CHILLY CONVERSATIONS IN PEKING RECENTLY. SOME, PARTICULARLY IN DOD, TERM HAK PRC TRIP "DISASTER," BASING JUDGMENT ALMOST ENTIRELY ON PUBLIC LECTURES CHINESE DELIVERED ON DETENTE AND THEIR REPEATED PRIVATE WARNINGS TO HAK AGAINST BEING MISLED BY SOVIET IN SALT AND ON WE. TO THESE SOURCES, DISMISSAL OF SCHLESINGER -- REGARDED BY PEKING AS ADMIN FIGURE WHO BEST UNDERSTOOD SOVIET THREAT -- EXACERBATED THIS TENSION OVER HAK'S DETENTE POLICY. GELB SAYS OTHER OFFICIALS AGREED DETENTE POLICY PART OF PROBLEM, BUT SAID THERE BOUND TO BE OTHER FACTORS THAT COULD ONLY BE GUESSED AT, GIVEN CHINESE PENCHANT FOR SECRECY -- SUCH AS INTERNAL PRC STRUGGLES, THEIR PERCEPTION OF US AS DECLINING POWER, POSSIBLE DISSATISFACTION OVER LACK OF FURTHER PROGRESS ON TAIWAN ISSUE AND RECENT SINO-UNCLASSIFIED

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INDIAN CLASH IN HIMALAYAS. TO THESE OFFICIALS, OBVIOUS THAT SINO-US RELATIONS NOT IMPROVING; BUT THEY EXPLAINED MAIN ISSUE NOW DIVIDING TWO NATIONS -- DETENTE -- ALSO REMAINS BASIC COMMON INTEREST. THEY ADDED THAT HAK'S PRC TRIP SHOWED THERE WAS LOT TO TALK ABOUT, BUT LITTLE TO NEGOTIATE.

MORGAN REPORTS CHINA EXPERT DWIGHT PERKINS TOLD BREAKFAST MEETING OF REPORTERS IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY THAT WEEKEND WH CABINET SHAKE-UP COULD HAVE IMPACT ON RELATIONS WITH PEKING; SUGGESTED SCHLESINGER OUSTER WILL BE SEEN UNFAVORABLY BY CHINESE BECAUSE OF HIS REPUTATION THERE FOR TEMPERING SUPPORT FOR DETENTE WITH STRONG US COUNTER TO

SOVIET MIL POWER. MORGAN ALSO CITES REPORTS PEKING IS UNHAPPY AT FORD PLANS TO VISIT PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA AS PART OF PRC TRIP (WP).

ACCORDING SUN'S WASHINGTON BUREAU, PRES MAY HAVE FURTHER TROUBLE FOR PRC VISIT BY HIS FAILURE IMMEDIATELY TO NAME BUSH SUCCESSOR, AS WELL AS CHINESE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT

HIS NEW NATIONAL SECURITY TEAM -- POSSIBLY GIVING CHINESE ADDED INCENTIVE TO POSTPONE TRIP. STATES NEITHER BUSH DEPARTURE NOR SCHLESINGER OUSTER WAS CALCULATED TO WARM ALREADY-CHILLY CHINESE HIERARCHY.

SEN. CHURCH CALLED TUESDAY NEWS CONFERENCE; ANNOUNCED, INTER ALIA, HE WOULD OPPOSE ANY WH SUGGESTION HIS PANEL SUSPEND CIA INQUIRY UNTIL BUSH CONFIRMED (CREWDSON, NYT); ADDED HE WILL VOTE AGAINST BUSH CONFIRMATION (DOBBIN, SUN). SAID BUSH "NICE GUY AND EVERYONE LIKES HIM, BUT I KNOW OF NO PARTICULAR REASON AS TO HIS QUALIFICATION FOR THE POST" (REUTER 11/3).

WP'S PINCUS/STERN REPORT HILL WARNINGS THAT BUSH APPOINTMENT COULD LEAD TO ELECTION-YEAR MANIPULATION OF SUPPOSEDLY NONPARTISAN CIA. SAY BUSH, "INTERVIEWED IN PEKING BY REUTER, INADVERTENTLY MAY HAVE ADDED FUEL" TO CONTROVERSY WITH OBSERVATION HE WAS NOT SURE CIA APPOINTMENT MEANT HIS POLITICAL CAREER OVER; NOTE PRES IN MONDAY NIGHT NEWS CONFERENCE "ALSO FED THE CONCERN" UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH OBSERVATION HE DID NOT THINK EITHER BUSH OR RUMSFELD COULD BE ELIMINATED FROM "CONSIDERATION BY ANYBODY" FROM VP NOMINATION. QUOTE ONE SENATE INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATOR WHO REFERRED TO HELM'S REBUFFING NIXON, AND ASKED "WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE GEORGE BUSH WOULD HAVE SAID TO THE PRESIDENT?" ANOTHER TOP SENATE AIDE RAISED QUESTION HOW MUCH INTELLIGENCE INFO CRITICAL OF ADMIN POLICY WILL GO TO CAPITOL HILL ONCE BUSH TAKES OVER. ADD THAT POSITION OF DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR TAKES ON NEW IMPORTANCE WITH APPOINTMENT OF NON-PROFESSIONAL OUTSIDER LIKE BUSH.

NYT'S HORROCK REPORTS 1970 TEXAS SENATE CAMPAIGN AND OTHER BUSH POLITICAL ACTIVITIES EXPECTED COME UNDER SCRUTINY WHEN HE GOES BEFORE SENATE FOR CONFIRMATION AS CIA DIRECTOR.

NYDN'S WIEGHART REPORTS WH OFFICIALS DISMISS CONTENTION BUSH WOULD BE LESS FORTHCOMING WITH CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES THAN COLBY; ONE SOURCE MAINTAINS BOTH BUSH, RUMSFELD WILL ARGUE JUST AS HARD FOR THEIR AGENCIES' VIEWPOINTS AS PREDECESSORS, AND WHEN PRES MAKES

DECISION THEY WON'T BE GOING PUBLIC TO UNDERMINE IT.

SEN MANSFIELD INDICATED TUESDAY HE SEES NO BARRIERS TO SWIFT SENATE CONFIRMATION NEW FORD APPOINTEES, SINCE "ALL GOOD MEN REPLACING GOOD MEN." HIS ONE CONCERN WAS THAT BUSH APPOINTMENT COULD CREATE PROBLEM FOR CHURCH COMMITTEE BY INTERRUPTING "CONTINUITY" OF ITS CIA

INVESTIGATION (WSTAR). ADMIN OFFICIALS SAID WEDNESDAY COLBY BEING ASKED BY PRES REMAIN IN POST FOR FEW MONTHS. SOURCES EXPLAINED BUSH RETURN WILL BE DELAYED AND FORD WANTS COLBY STAY ON. BUSH RETURN REPORTEDLY BEING HELD UP SO HE CAN REMAIN IN PRC DURING PRES' VISIT (REUTER).

REP FINDLEY CONTENTS US AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST WILL SOON BE ADDED TO USLO STAFF. SAYS PROBABLY WILL NOT BE FORMALLY LISTED AS AGRIC ATTACHE LIKE FARM/FARM TRADE EXPERTS STATIONED IN OTHER US DIPLOMATIC POSTS UNCLASSIFIED

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AROUND WORLD, BUT WILL SERVE AS CHANNEL, AS FORMAL ATTACHES DO, FOR PROMOTING CLOSER SINO-US AGRIC RELATIONS. ADDS THAT PRESENCE US FARM EXPERT ON USLO COULD HELP IN LONG-RANGE EFFORTS TO EXPAND FARM COMMODITIES SALES TO PRC (UPI, JOC).

REUTER (GENEVA) REPORTS FINDINGS BY 12-NATION EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH (CERN), FOLLOWING TWO-WEEK PRC VISIT, THAT PEKING DESIRES LEARN MORE FROM WESTERN SOCIETIES ABOUT NUKE RESEARCH, WISHES SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL HELP FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. BUT FOUR-MAN CERN DELEGATION REPORT PRC PHYSICISTS UP-TO-DATE WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. GROUP SAW WORK ON CONTROLLED THERMONUCLEAR FUSION, REACTOR TECHNOLOGY.

FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, RETURNED HOME FROM PRC VISIT, SAYS HE FORESEES NO DANGER OF SINO-SOVIET WAR, ALTHOUGH RIFT BETWEEN THEM DEEP AND HAS TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. CONTENTS CONSTANT CARE MUST BE TAKEN AGAINST BEING DRAWN INTO ARGUMENT BY EITHER SIDE, AND CONTROVERSY DOES NOT HINDER PEKING'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH, LIKE FRG, ARE TAKING PART IN TENSION-RELAXATION POLICIES TOWARD MOSCOW AND WARSAW PACT STATES. DENIES HAVING PROPOSED PEKING ESTABLISH WBERLIN CONSULATE (REUTER BONN).

2. JAPAN

MAINICHI PUBLISHED OPINION POLL TUESDAY SHOWING ONE-THIRD OF NATION BELIEVES JAPAN SHOULD TRY HELP UNIFY KOREA, AS BEST POLICY REDUCE TENSION IN PENINSULA

(AFP, WP).

JOC'S COLLISION IN TOKYO CITES CONCERN OF GOJ ECONOMISTS
THAT OIL PRODUCT PRICE INCREASE UNDER STUDY BY
REFINERIES TO DOMESTIC CUSTOMERS MAY REFUEL INFLATION.

MITI OFFICIALS ARGUE SOME INCREASE NECESSARY IF REFINERIES
TO AVOID BANKRUPTCY; SAID TUESDAY EXPECT DECISION
SHORTLY.

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SEA NATIONS CONTINUE WELCOME, ENCOURAGE JAPANESE
INVESTMENT, ACCORDING PRELIMINARY REPORT TO TOKYO
BY 27-MEMBER STUDY MISSION STILL ON MITI-MFA SPONSORED
TOUR OF PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA,
THAILAND; GROUP LED BY HITACHI SHIPBUILDING PRES
NAGATA EXPECTS RETURN TOKYO NOV 9 (JOC, TOKYO).

NISSAN DOUBLED EARNINGS IN FIRST HALF ENDING SEPT 30,
EXPECTS TREND CONTINUE THROUGH END OF JFY. NISSAN
OFFICIALS SAY GAIN BASED ON 12 PERCENT DOMESTIC SALES
INCREASE TO JUST OVER MILLION UNITS, SIX PERCENT
PRICE HIKE. EXPORTS DROPPED FOUR PERCENT, TO 427,169
UNITS. ADD WON'T THINK OF STARTING DATSUN ASSEMBLY
PLANT IN US UNTIL 1980 AT EARLIEST (WSJ).

TCHAIKOVSKY PRIZE WINNER MASUKO USHIODA WILL PLAY SIBELIUS'
VIOLIN CONCERTO WITH BALTIMORE SYMPHONY TONIGHT,
TOMORROW (SUN, WITH PHOTO OF SOLOIST).

3. KOREA

TEN-MAN GEORGIA TRADE MISSION LED BY LTGOV ZELL MILLER
ARRIVED SEOUL WEDNESDAY, TO DISCUSS STATE'S TRADE WITH
SK, POSSIBLE INVESTMENT IN ROK (REUTER, SEOUL).

4. MALAYSIA

GUARDIAN'S WOOLLACOTT IN HK (WP) REVIEWS SPECTACULAR
INCIDENTS THAT DRAMATIZE RESURGENCE OF SERIOUS
COMMUNIST GUERRILLA ACTION IN MALAYSIA -- WHOSE DEFEAT
WAS ONE OF FEW TRIUMPHS OF WESTERN COUNTER-INSURGENCY.
SINCE APRIL 50 POLICE KILLED, 250 WOUNDED IN AMBUSHES
IN JUNGLE, AND GRENADE ATTACK ON POLICE FIELD FORCE
HQ IN KL, IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBING OF NATL MONUMENT
DOWNTOWN. SAYS GOM "TURNING BACK THE CLOCK" TO LATTER
DAYS OF EARLIER INSURGENCY, REVIVING MANY EMERGENCY
MEASURES; ALSO PROTESTING PRC PROPAGANDA SUPPORT
FOR COMMUNISTS, PRESSURING THAIS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE
BORDER CONTROL.

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REFUGEE SHIP ARRIVED UNDISCLOSED SVN PORT (CSM) ON
OCT 27. ONE DIED EN ROUTE (WP) DURING 2-WK VOYAGE
FROM GUAM (CHITRIB). PRG SPOKESMAN SAYS DECISION

READMIT REFUGEES BASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. SAIGON
ACCUSES US OF ACTING "IRRESPONSIBLY" TOWARD SICK, OLD,
PREGNANT REFUGEES; SAYS SHIP LACKED NECESSARY MEDICINE,
PEOPLE SENT WITHOUT VACCINATION, LACKED MEDICAL CARE.
ADDS FOOD PROVIDED OLD, HAD CAUSED MANY DISEASES AS
WELL AS DEATH (PHINQ; AP NYT, SUN).

WORK STARTS ON REBUILDING HANOI-SAIGON RR, DAMAGED DURING
WAR (AFP, NYT).

6. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

AMEMBASSY MANILA SAYS US DECIDED ACCEPT 31 REFUGEES,
MOSTLY CAMBODIANS, FROM AMONG 118 STAYING IN WELFARE
CAMP. FATE OF REST UNCERTAIN; EMBASSY SPOKESMAN
SAYS THIS IS "LAST BATCH OUR GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEPT
FROM HERE" (NYT).

7. THAILAND

HEAVY RAINS, HIGH TIDES PUSH CHAO PHYA RIVER TO HIGHEST
LEVEL IN 38 YRS, FLOOD MOST OF BANGKOK (UPI, NYDN).

8. AUSTRALIA

NYT, NYDN NOTE MUGGING OF LADY CATHERINE SHAW ON
WASHINGTON'S EMBASSY ROW LATE MON AFTERNOON. WSTAR'S
GROOM (11/4) ON PAGE 1 NOTES INJURIES RECEIVED BY
AUSSIE ENVOY'S WIFE DUE BEING STRUCK FROM BEHIND WITH
BLUNT INSTRUMENT, STATES SHE DUE BE RELEASED AFTER DAY
IN HOSPITAL. SAYS ATTACK IS FIRST IN SEVERAL YEARS ON
MEMBER MAJOR FOREIGN DIPLOMAT'S FAMILY.

WHITLAM BUOYED BY INCREASING EVIDENCE VOTER SUPPORT
FOR GOVT'S FIGHT AGAINST OPPOSITION BLOCKAGE BUDGET
BILL, ANNOUNCES WILL NOT CALL GENL ELECTION FOR AT
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LEAST YEAR (REUTER, CANBERRA).

BURMAH OIL SELLS 6.5 MILLION SHARES IN ITS AUSSIE
EXPLORATION COMPANY, WOODSIDE-BURMAH, REDUCING ITS
STAKE IN COMPANY TO JUST OVER 50-PCT (JOC).

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9. THAILAND

CSM'S VOELLER IN BANGKOK TELLS OF HIGH STAGE OF ART

ACHIEVED IN THAI MOVIE POSTERS. NOTES 20 HUGE POSTERS SHIPPED TO FRANCE LAST YEAR FOR DISPLAY IN MODERN ART MUSEUM, USE AT CANNES DURING SPRING FILM FESTIVAL. POINTS OUT SIMILARITY BETWEEN FILM, POSTER OFTEN COINCIDENTAL SINCE ARTISTS DO NOT PREVIEW MOVIES. MENTIONS MOST MOVIES COME FROM CHINA, US.

10. AUSTRALIA

CSM'S MILLAR AT CANBERRA NOTES PARLIAMENTARY CHANGES MARK BEGINNING OF END OF FEUDAL RULE OF COCOS ISLAND. "KING" OF ISLAND AGREED RELINQUISH AUTHORITY TO AUSTRALIA, BUT RECENTLY REFUSED GOA OFFER FOR OUTRIGHT PURCHASE. LAST YEAR UN MISSION FOUND CONDITIONS COULD NOT APPROVE OF ON ISLAND, EMBARRASSING GOA. POINTS OUT ISLAND 2000 MILES FROM PERTH; OPINES THAT APART FROM OBLIGATIONS TO ISLANDERS, MAIN AUSSIE INTEREST IS IN STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE, SINCE AIRPORT IS OF INTL STDs AND USED BY RAAF AS WELL AS CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT.

11. INDONESIA

FROM JAKARTA, WOOLLACOTT (GUARDIAN, IN WP) PERCEIVES GOI SHREWDLY EXPLOITING POSITION AS STANFORD REMAINING US FRIEND IN SEA TO GAIN MAJOR MIL AID INCREASE. MOVES DO SO DEMONSTRATE FEARS OF REVIVAL COMMUNIST, OTHER ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITY, AND GOI DETERMINATION MAKE ONLY MINIMAL POST-VN ADJUSTMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN DIPLOMACY.

TO MEET POST-VN CONTINGENCIES GOI SEEKING ACCELERATE 10-YR PROGRAM BEGUN 1971 WITH US, AUSSIE AID, TO PROVIDE MOBILITY FOR ARMY, PATROL CAPABILITY NAVY AND PLANES FOR AF. SUHARTO RAISED ISSUE WITH FORD IN JULY, AND AFTER MONTHS INDONESIAN LOBBYING DOS REPORTEDLY DECIDED DOUBLE CURRENT FY MIL AID TO 42.5 MILLION DOLS. OBSERVES DEVELOPMENTS SERVE AS ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC SIGNAL TO NEIGHBORS THAT INDONESIA HAS NO INTENTION OF WEAKENING US CONNECTION IN SCRAMBLE TO DEAL WITH NEW VN, PRC.

12. CHINA

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL REPORT (NYT) HAS FURTHER REMARKS BY BUSH AT TUESDAY NEWS CONFERENCE: "NOTHING MORE COMPLICATED" ABOUT MOVING TO CIA THAN FACT HE'S BEEN ASKED TO DO "TOUGH JOB, AND I BELIEVE I OUGHT TO DO IT"; ADDED, "IF ANYBODY CAN PERCEIVE THIS JOB AS A SPRINGBOARD TO POLITICAL FORTUNE, WELL, HE'S BEEN HALLUCINATING";

IF HE TURNS OUT TO BE CIA REFORMER, WILL ALSO BE ITS STRONG DEFENDER; FORD OFFER "CAME OUT OF A CLEAR BLUE SKY" SUNDAY.

REPORT SAYS FASHIONABLE IN SOME PEKING DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES TO PUT DOWN BUSH'S" INFORMAL GLADHANDING GOOD-TO-SEE-YOU WAYS," BUT DIPLOMATS WHO ACTUALLY DEALT WITH HIM "OFTEN EXPRESSED THEIR LIKING AND RESPECT FOR HIM." SAYS, NEVERTHELESS, THERE WERE INDICATIONS HAK DID NOT LEAN ON KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE OF BUSH AND USLO. FOR INSTANCE, WHEN HAK ARRIVED PEKING TWO WEEKS AGO, HE DID NOT SET ASIDE ANY TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH BUSH BEFORE PLUNGING INTO DEALINGS WITH CHINESE LEADERS.

TO RESTON (NYT), PRES DIDN'T REORGANIZE ADMIN WITH RECENT SHIFTS, BUT DISORGANIZED IT. SEES NO WAY FOR BUSH, RUMSFELD, RICHARDSON TO WIN SENATE CONFIRMATION, MASTER THEIR VAST ORGANIZATIONS' "DEVILISH INTRICACIES," IN SHORT TIME LEFT BEFORE ELECTION.

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CHITRIB REASONS CIA HAS FENCE-BUILDING TO DO, WHICH USUALLY MEANS NEW FACES. BUSH'S INEXPERIENCE IN INTELLIGENCE FIELD MAY, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, BE POSITIVE ADVANTAGE. HE MEANS FRESH START, AT LEAST AT TOP.

KEATLEY (WSJ) CONSIDER; BUSH "ANOTHER UPWARD STRIVING OFFICE-SEEKER WHO IS UNLIKELY TO TELL THE PRESIDENT THINGS HE DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR." SEES PRC RELATIONSHIP FRAYING NOW, WITH PEKING APPARENTLY LOSING CONFIDENCE IN US WILLINGNESS STAND UP TO SOVIET, AND LOSING INTEREST IN BEING GOOD FRIENDS WITH US. THINKS PRC NOW MAY CANCEL FORD VISIT, AND SUSPECTS CAMPAIGNING PRES COULD WELL PREFER LET THINGS SLIDE RATHER THAN MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS ABOUT TAIWAN OR OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH DIVIDE US, PRC.

GEORGE WILL (WP) SEES SCHLESINGER FIRING AS FOOLISH THING DONE IN FOOLISH WAY, WHICH WILL CONFIRM PRC AND SOVIET IN THEIR "NOT UNREASONABLE" BELIEFS US STILL WILLING SACRIFICE MUCH ON ALTAR OF SOVIET GOOD HUMOR.

BRADSHER (WSTAR 11/4) SUGGESTS IMPLICATIONS OF ADMIN SHAKEUP WILL DROP TEMPERATURE FEW MORE DEGREES ON FORD

PRC VISIT, WHICH ALREADY EXPECTED TO BE COOL. PEKING
APT TO SEE ADMIN CHANGES MEANING US MORE WILLING REACH
SALT AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET. THINKS BUSH REMOVAL WILL BE
VIEWED WITH SUSPICION, AND PRES FACES PROBLEM REASSURING

PRC HE IS NOT DOWNGRADING PEKING CONNECTION. SAYS BUSH
HAD ENOUGH POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO EXEMPLIFY
SIGNIFICANCE OF USLO JOB, BUT IT IS ESSENTIALLY SHOWPIECE
ASSIGNMENT, FRUSTRATING FOR AN ACTIVE MAN BECAUSE USLO
CONDUCTS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS; LIKE BRUCE, BUSH
MIGHT WELL HAVE WANTED OUT AFTER GETTING BORED. RECALLS
WHEN BRUCE CHANGED FOR BUSH, WH WAS CAREFUL MAKE PLAIN
TO CHINESE THAT POLITICALLY IMPORTANT MAN BEING KEPT IN
PEKING; FAILURE NOW TO FILL JOB IMMEDIATELY IMPLIED
ADMIN NO LONGER SHOWING SAME CONCERN FOR CHINESE
SENSIBILITIES. DAY-TO-DAY USLO WORK DONE BY DOS
SPECIALISTS, BUT TOP MAN MUST BE PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN
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FORD AND WHOEVER CHINESE LEADERS ARE.

IN 11/1 NEW REPUBLIC, ROSS TERRILL SAYS IN LIGHT OF
OVERALL WORLD POLITICS, WOULD BE UNWISE TO LET TAIWAN
ISSUE LIE. SOLID, MANY-SIDED US-PRC TIE IS ONE OF
BEST OPTIONS FOR COUNTERING SOVIET POWER, RELAXING EA
TENSIONS; ALSO, PEOPLE AND TRADERS OF TWO COUNTRIES HAVE
INTEREST AND COMPATIBILITY WITH EACH OTHER. NOT BEYOND
LIMITS OF STRONG LEADERSHIP ON BOTH SIDES TO FIND
TAIWAN SOLUTION--PROVIDED IDEALISM AND RIGIDITY OF US
"COMMITMENTS" TO TAIPEI ARE MODIFIED BY REMEMBRANCE OF
HISTORY AND SENSE OF FUTURE STRATEGIC NEED. ONCE TAIPEI
CEASES POSING AS GOVT OF CHINA, OR IS NO LONGER SO
ACKNOWLEDGED BY US, AND ONCE TAIWAN IS NO MORE SITE OF
FOREIGN PLANES AND JOINT US-TAIWAN WAR GAMES, TAIWAN
QUESTION AS SEPARATED PROVINCE MAY NOT BE SO URGENT TO
PEKING AS MANY NOW ASSUME.

THREE REASONS US SHOULD PROMPTLY TAKE INITIATIVE ON
TAIWAN: OUR TIE WITH PEKING WILL BE CRITICAL RELATIONSHIP
IN 1980S; US CANNOT FOREVER PRETEND TAIPEI GOVT IS ROC;
IN US INTERESTS TO CARRY THROUGH ON SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE
WHILE MAO/CHOU STILL RULE. BENDING ON ISSUE ALREADY
DONE BY THEM, AND PRESENCE VOICES IN PEKING SPEAKING
FOR MORE CONCILIATORY LINE TOWARD SOVIET, SHOULD SPUR
US TO SETTLE TAIWAN ISSUE EARLY AS POSSIBLE. OF PEKING'S
THREE DEMANDS RE TAIWAN (US ENDING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH
TAIWAN, MAKING MIL WITHDRAWAL FROM TAIWAN AND ABROGATION
US 1954 SECURITY PACT WITH CCK'S ROC), LAST IS STICKY
ONE. TREATY HAS BIZARRE NATURE--BINDS US TO GOVT THAT IS
NOT GOVT OF COUNTRY IT CLAIMS TO BE. US ALREADY
VIOLATED ART VII OF TREATY (WHICH REQUIRES DISPOSITION
OF FORCES IN TAIWAN BE "DETERMINED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT")

WHEN WE ANNOUNCED UNILATERALLY WE WERE GOING WIND DOWN
US FORCES THERE.

US MIGHT RECOGNIZE PRC, TURN USLO INTO EMBASSY AND TAIPEI
EMBASSY INTO KIND OF LIAISON OFFICE, CONTINUE WINDING
DOWN OUR FORCES ON TAIWAN, WHILE AMERICANS KEPT FULL
RANGE OF ECON/CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH VARIOUS ORGANS
IN TAIWAN. AS FOR TREATY, PEKING WOULD TAKE VIEW IT HAD
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CEASED EXIST. US WOULD ACCEPT THAT WE NO LONGER HAD
TREATY WITH ROC, WHILE MAKING STATEMENT OF INTENT TO
DEFEND REGION IN WHICH TAIWAN LOCATED. SUCH STEP WOULD
REFLECT IN NO WAY ON US GENERAL RELIABILITY TOWARD ALLIES,
SINCE, UNLIKE JAPAN, AUSTRALIA OR SK, THIS ALLY HAS FOR
27 YEARS NOT BEEN IN CONTROL OF OWN TERRITORY. TO
UNDERLINE US CONFIDENCE IN TAIWAN'S FREE, PROSPEROUS
FUTURE, PRES FORD, AFTER VISITING PEKING AND RECOGNIZING
PRC, COULD VISIT TAIWAN TO PAY RESPECTS IN VARIOUS
CIRCLES OF LIFE THERE AND DISCUSS ECON/CULTURAL TIES.
WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT US TV SHOW PRES AND CONGRESSIONAL
ENTOURAGE MINGLING WITH TAIWAN PEOPLE, WHO HAD NOT
DROPPED INTO SEA AS RESULT OF US RECOGNITION PRC. FOR
PEKING TO LOOK OTHER WAY DURING FORD'S TAIWAN VISIT
WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE SINCERITY OF MAO'S STATEMENT
THAT TAIWAN SOLUTION WILL BE "GRADUAL," "LONG-TERM."
JUST AS TAIWAN HAS SURVIVED LOSS OF RECOGNITION BY TENS
OF COUNTRIES, LOSS OF PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN, IT WOULD
SURVIVE SIMILAR STEP BY US. KISSINGER

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